

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5272

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

DIA WASHDC

USCINCEUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A DECON 7/11/76

TAGS: PINS, CASC, LE, SY (MORGAN, ERNEST R.)

SUBJECT: MORGAN'S ABDUCTION--REPORTED SYRIAN EFFORTS

REF: (A) BEIRUT 8791; (B) STATE 162970

1. WORD AROUND BEIRUT MORNING JULY 11 IS THAT TWO "HIGH-RANKING" SYRIAN OFFICERS ARRIVED HERE JULY 10 TO PURSUE EFFORTS AIMED AT SECURING RELEASE OF COL MORGAN. PRO-FEDAYEEN DAILY "AL MUHARRIR" REPORTS ARRIVAL OF SYRIAN OFFICERS AND "AL BAYRAQ" CLAIMS KNOWLEDGE OF PROPOSAL FOR COL MORGAN TO BE HANDED OVER TO SYRIAN AUTHORITIES.

2. WE UNABLE CONFIRM AT THIS TIME PRESENCE IN BEIRUT OF SYRIAN OFFICIALS WITH MISSION REGARDING MORGAN CASE, BUT USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES HERE BELIEVE STORY. AT LEAST SOME OBSERVERS, HOWEVER, REPORT SYRIANS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL THUS FAR IN ACHIEVING PROGRESS.

3. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY LIGHT WHICH DAMASCUS MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHED ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM OF BEIRUT GOSSIP.  
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